

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

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| WESTERN BRACKEN COUNTY WATER DISTRICT |) | |
| TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF ALL NEW SERVICE |) | CASE NO. 91-080 |
| INCLUDING BRACKEN WATER DISTRICT NO. 1 |) | |

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By letter dated March 14, 1991, counsel for Bracken County Water District No. 1 ("Bracken") and Western Bracken County Water District ("Western Bracken") advised the Commission that both districts were requesting authority to impose temporary suspension of all new service in their respective service territories. In support of the requested approval, Bracken stated it has previously been cited by the Commission as having inadequate water storage facilities and has been granted a deviation from 807 KAR 5:066, Section 5(4), regarding water storage which expires on July 1, 1991. However, the district has not obtained the needed storage and feels that added service will only add to current problems being experienced by the district. Bracken has also entered into an agreed order with the Division of Water concerning the district's failure to maintain a minimum free chlorine residual and failure to maintain the proper manganese level in its distribution system.

Western Bracken purchases its water from Bracken and is currently experiencing the same type of problems plaguing Bracken. Both Western Bracken and Bracken are exploring the possibility of

merger with the city of Brooksville. Both districts allege that should the merger take place, problems concerning the lack of water supply and discolored water will be alleviated. On May 13, 1991, the Commission was advised by the Division of Water that a tap-on ban had been imposed upon Bracken prohibiting the connection of any new customers to the water system. The Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet report identifies as reasons for the ban that the iron and manganese concentrations in the Bracken distribution system exceed the maximum contaminant levels; there is an insufficient amount of elevated storage capacity in the distribution system; and a failure to maintain a minimum free chlorine residual throughout the distribution system.

After consideration of matters of record and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that an informal conference should be scheduled with Bracken and Western Bracken concerning the tap-on ban recently imposed by the Division of Water and the pending request by both districts to temporarily suspend all new service.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that an informal conference be and it hereby is scheduled for June 19, 1991, at 1:30 p.m., in Conference Room No. 2 of the Commission's offices at 730 Schenkel Lane in Frankfort, Kentucky. Bracken and Western Bracken shall appear, with counsel, prepared to discuss the current tap-on ban and the temporary suspension of all new service.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 29th day of May, 1991.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


For the Commission

ATTEST:


Executive Director